

26. A method of segregating wood for use in pulp and paper of fibre board production including determining one or more fibre characteristics of the individual lengths of wood using the method of claim 3.

27. A method of segregating wood for use in pulp and paper or fibre board production including determining one or more fibre characteristics of the individual lengths of wood using the method of claim 4.

28. A method of segregating wood for use in pulp and paper or fibre board production including determining one or more fibre characteristics of the individual lengths of wood using the method of claim 5.

29. Apparatus according to claim 10 arranged to determine a measure of the average fibre length.

30. Apparatus according to claim 10 arranged to determine a measure of strength of pulp formed from the wood.

#### REMARKS

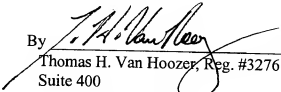
Applicant submits herewith a Preliminary Amendment for entry prior to computation of the fee and examination of the application on the merits. The amendment is not intended to substantive change the claims but rather to address certain formalities and remove multiple dependencies in accordance with U.S. practice. In view of the favorable International Preliminary Examination Report, all claims appear to be allowable. Applicant believes the amendment submitted herewith conform the application to U.S. practice and it is believed that the amendment to the claims place them in allowable form. Should the examiner have any questions which may be resolved by

telephone conference, it is requested that the examiner contact applicant's attorney at 1-800-445-3460. Should this amendment necessitate any additional fees it may be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-0522.

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